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Serial No.: 09/986,622)	Examiner: John M. Hoffman
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Filed: November 9, 2001)	Confirmation No: 5933
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Allowed: June 14, 2010)	
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For: METHOD AND INDUCTION)	
FURNACE FOR DRAWING LARGE)	
DIAMETER PREFORMS TO)	
OPTICAL FIBRES)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED COPY
OF FOREIGN PRIORITY APPLICATION**

Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability dated June 14, 2010.

Applicant has claimed priority based on European Patent Application No. 99109154.7 filed on May 10, 1999. The certified copy of the European Patent application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 9, 2001. The Examiner has not acknowledged the receipt of the certified copy of the European priority document.

We have attached a copy of the postcard date stamped by OIPE on November 9, 2001 and a copy of the Transmittal of New Application retrieved from PAIR at the U.S.

Patent and Trademark Office website which has been date-stamped by the Office. The date-stamped postcard and the date-stamped transmittal letter corroborate that a certified copy of the European Patent Application was indeed filed in the patent application on November 9, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) acknowledging receipt the certified copy.

As clearly shown by the record, this oversight occurred through the fault of the Patent Office. Accordingly, we request that the Patent Office provide Acknowledgement without loss of any Patent Term Adjustment as a result of filing this Letter Requesting Acknowledgement of Receipt of Certified Copy of Foreign Priority Application and that the Patent Term Adjustment of 75 days remain unchanged.

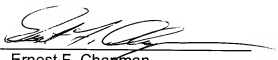
Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated:

SEP 13 2010

By:


Ernest F. Chapman
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PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

New U.S. Application for:

Title 1 METHOD AND INDUCTION FURNACE FOR DRAWING LARGE DIAMETER PREFORMS TO OPTICAL FIBRES

being a Continuation of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/04134, filed May 9, 2000

Inventors: Giacomo Stefano ROBA, Massimo NUNZI, and Franco VERONELLI

BOX PATENT APPLICATION



1. Check for \$812.00
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Application 41 pages, including 2 independent claims and 24 claims total (as amended).
4. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract of the Disclosure.
5. Drawings 7 sheets of formal informal drawings containing 11 figures.
6. Certified copy of European Application No. 99109154.7 filed May 10, 1999.
7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
8. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/68157.

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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: METHOD AND INDUCTION FURNACE FOR DRAWING LARGE
DIAMETER PREFORMS TO OPTICAL FIBRES
being a Continuation of PCT International
Application No. PCT/EP00/04134, filed May 9, 2000
Inventors Names and Residences:
1. Giacomo Stefano ROBA, Monza, Italy;
2. Massimo NUTINI, Sul Naviglio, Italy; and
3. Franco VERONELLI, Lainate, Italy.

Dear Sirs:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP00/04134 filed May 9, 2000, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 99109154.7 filed May 10, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/134,066, filed May 13, 1999.

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7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	24	-	20	4	x \$18	72.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	1	x \$84	
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 99109154.7, filed May 10, 1999, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/134,066, filed May 13, 1999.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

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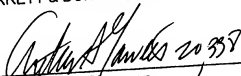
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Sincerely,
FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ernest F. Chapman", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date "11/9/01" is handwritten.

Ernest F. Chapman

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